

Double Crochet



The Double Crochet (dc) is a stitch which is twice as tall as a Single Crochet (sc).

Now that you can complete a Half Double Crochet, the principals of hdc and dc are very similar.

As mentioned previously, stitches are worked from the top so the first stitch of the row must be the helper stitch, which is worked from the bottom in order to reach the height of the stitch you are working.

The helper stitch for a Double Crochet is 2 Stacked Single Crochets. When working a row of Double Crochets, the first stitch is always 2 Stacked Single Crochets. Once that is completed, you can continue the row with Double Crochets.

Similar to the Half Double Crochet, a Double Crochet requires you to yarn over before inserting your hook into the stitch.

This can be a bit tricky to do at first and easy to forget so it's important to check the number of loops on your hook as you go to ensure you complete the stitch correctly.

Double Crochet (dc)

1. **Before inserting your hook into the stitch**, Yarn over
2. Insert hook into the stitch (or chain)
3. Yarn over
4. Pull the yarn through the stitch (or chain) (3 loops on the hook)
 - If you do not have three loops on the hook at this stage, you have either forgotten to yarn over before inserting your hook or pulled the yarn through more loops than just the stitch.
 - As you are learning, it is advised that instead of trying to correct what you have done, you go back to the beginning and start again to avoid confusion
5. **Once you have all three loops on the hook**, Yarn over
6. Pull through two of the three loops (2 loop on the hook)
7. Yarn over
8. Pull through the remaining two loops (1 loop on the hook)

When starting a row of Double Crochets after you have completed a chain, always for your first stitch (2 st-sc) in the **second chain** from the hook.

When turning your work to begin a subsequent row, do **not** skip a stitch.

Always work the the first stitch (2st-sc) in the **very first stitch** of subsequent rows.

